

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 774

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr., of the Rock Bridge community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the untimely passing of Mr. Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Devereaux Cannon was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, from which he earned both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence, Mr. Cannon was admitted to the Tennessee Bar and served with acumen and alacrity as Assistant Vice-President and State Counsel for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Devereaux Cannon bravely served his country and State as a former commanding officer of the 201st Military Police Battalion and rendered sterling service as the Staff Judge Advocate of the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the Tennessee State Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cannon further demonstrated his commitment to patriotic service by assiduously working to preserve the illustrious history of this nation through his active participation in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars; and

WHEREAS, Devereaux Cannon was a staunch political activist and created the TaxFreeTennessee web site that proved to be very beneficial during the State Income Tax protests; and

WHEREAS, extremely knowledgeable in the fascinating history and symbolism of flags, Devereaux Cannon shared his expertise by penning several books on the subject, including *The*

Flags of the Confederacy: An Illustrated History, Flags of Tennessee, and The Flags of the Union: An Illustrated History; and

WHEREAS, he also demonstrated his superb writing skills as the author of *The Wit and Wisdom of Robert E. Lee* and as a member of the Board of Advisors of *Southern Partisan* magazine; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart member of the community, Devereaux Cannon was an esteemed Fourth Degree member of the prominent Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Devereaux was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Yancy Adair Cannon, and his brother, Ty Cannon; and

WHEREAS, Devereaux Cannon enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Nora; he was the proud parent of Nancy Katherine Cannon and Second Lieutenant Devereaux D. Cannon III and the doting grandfather of Devereaux D. Cannon IV and Brian Boru Cannon; and

WHEREAS, Devereaux is also survived by his father, Devereaux D. Cannon, Sr., his daughter-in-law, Joleen Cannon, his brother, Cooper Cannon, and his sister-in-law, Candy Cannon; and

WHEREAS, Devereaux Cannon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.